

\*Doxology

UMH 94

\*Hymn

*Lord of the Dance*

UMH 261

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

[Refrain:]

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on. (Refrain)

3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

\*Benediction

Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

\*Alleluia

UMH 78

Postlude

*Toccata on Psalm 150*

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Melanie Cross,  
Debbie Krueger and Mark Kousnetz, all beloved and gone too soon, by Lucy Tompkin.

Cover image: *Song of Miriam the Prophetess* by Luca Giordano, 1687

*\*Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

Senior Pastor: Burke Owens  
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Gerardo Garcia Palacios  
Director of Music: Mark Shaull  
Organist: Diane Keller  
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JULY 20 2025

10:45 AM SERVICE



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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

Prelude *I Come With Joy* David Cherwien (b. 1957)

Welcome Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Cedric Fellows

\*Call to Worship Cedric Fellows

Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

**We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.**

In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

**We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.**

In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed. We are free for divine and loving connection once again.

**We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.**

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

**Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!**

\*Opening Hymn *Come, We that Love the Lord* UMH 732

1. Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne.

3. The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets.

2. Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad.

4. Then let our songs abound,  
and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Summer Choir Anthem Mark Hayes

*And the Father Will Dance Over You With Joy*

Scripture Psalm 30:10-12 Annie King

Message *Joy* Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, for these gifts,  
**we give you thanks!**

\*Lord's Prayer Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

**Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring* UMH 644

1. Jesus, joy of our desiring,  
holy wisdom, love most bright;  
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring  
soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
with the fire of life impassioned,  
striving still to truth unknown,  
soaring, dying round thy throne.

2. Through the way where hope is guiding,  
hark, what peaceful music rings;  
where the flock, in thee confiding,  
drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;  
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own  
in the love of joys unknown.

Invitation to the Offering Cedric Fellows

Offertory Prayer

**Holy and Reconciling God, in Christ you have made the invisible visible, bringing us home with love beyond measure. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives. Use them to build your kingdom, to restore what is broken, and to remind the world of your grace. May our giving be an act of thanksgiving, a sign of the ordinary magic of your love at work among us. In all things, may we live to your glory. Amen.**

Offertory